Hockey Team to participate in the Azlan Shah Hockey Tournament in Malaysia as a measure of abundant caution, so that their presence in Malaysia did not become an occasion for additional irritants in our bilateral relations.

Deportation of UAE criminals

3657. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand from UAE Government for deportation of the criminals who have taken shelter in India;

(b) if so, the number of such criminals; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) to (c) The Government of UAE has in the past sought fugitives of Indian nationality who purportedly had escaped to India after committing crimes in the UAE. The bilateral Extradition Treaty which came into effect on 29 May, 2000 prohibits either side from extraditing its own nationals. Post Extradition Treaty there is no pending request from UAE for extradition/deportation of any non-Indian to the UAE.

Sufferings of Indians in Malaysia

3658. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the sufferings of the other Indian workers in Malaysia in additiion to more than 200 I.T. professionals who were raided by Malaysian police;

(b) if so, whether the Indian High Commission in Malaysia has taken up the grievances of both the I.T. professionals as well as the unskilled Indian workers working in Malaysia; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the results achieved thereby?